

ARGENTINA WILL SEND SUPPLIES TO ALLIES

U. S. Will in Turn Aid South American Republics.

While the State Department was announcing that the coal shipments to Argentina, recently reported held up in some American port, were delayed by error and through no effort to bring pressure on the Southern Republic in conjunction with Great Britain, to raise Argentina's embargo on wheat, reports from Argentina stated that she has agreed to lend to Great Britain, France and Italy 300,000 tons of wheat and 30,000 tons of flour.

The British government, as part of the agreement, has guaranteed to return 200,000 tons of wheat between July and September from Canada and Australia. In case of the failure of the crops in those countries, the British government agrees to obtain the wheat from other sources and return it to Argentina.

Argentina also has decided to permit the exportation of 110,000 tons of wheat to Brazil, Uruguay and Spain. The agreement with Great Britain indicates that Argentina is working in a close arrangement with the entente allies.

It has developed that Brazil, Argentina, and other South American countries are much in need of coal, and that this government is trying to work out means to meet these needs.

MAN, SOIL, CULTIVATION, GARDENING ESSENTIALS

Trinity Needed for Food Increase Explained to Citizens' Association.

Gardening in all its phases was the subject of discussion at the meeting of the North Capitol and Eckington Citizens Association at the Emory School last night.

E. M. Connelly, of the Central Garden Committee, was the principal speaker. He told his hearers that there were three essentials to a successful garden; the individual, the soil and the preparation and cultivation of the soil. Aside from this is the quality of seed planted, which is an important factor when considering the yield. Mr. Connelly offered the association all the aid possible on behalf of the committee to make the gardens in the association's locality a success.

A. J. Driscoll, discussed the reasons for the present food shortage. Both speakers were questioned by the members of the association at the conclusion of their talks.

Application blanks for the Home Defense League were passed around for signatures. A sum was appropriated to be sent to Major Pullman to help defray the expenses of the league. Charles S. Shreve, president of the Federation of Citizens Associations, spoke on the garden movement. Two new members were admitted. They are, Edwin Evans and G. M. Kookey. The association went on record as being in sympathy with the movement of the Health Department to prevent impure milk in coming into the District. Judge J. Wilmer Lattimer will address the May meeting of the association.

REGULAR ENLISTMENTS CLIMB IN AVERAGE

Daily Additions to Army and Navy Show Healthy Conditions.

The regular army is now increasing its authorized enlisted strength at the rate of 2,300 daily, the War Department announced last night. The regular army enlistments Monday totaled 2,368, making 30,113 since April 1. Illinois led again with 394. Other States ranked as follows: New York, 338; Pennsylvania, 211; Michigan, 133; Indiana, 125; Missouri, 115; Nebraska, 108; Texas, 89; California, 77; and Georgia, 70.

War Department officials are not concerned themselves with the recruiting of men for the National Guard regiments, but are depending chiefly upon the individual States to bring their militia units up to full war strength.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced that the navy's total enlisted strength now is over the \$6,000 mark. Saturday's report showed 2,117 enlistments and Monday there were 737. Complete reports tonight brought the total up to 90,368.

SWEDEN BANS LIQUOR SALE UNTIL MAY 12

Stockholm (via London), April 24.—The sale by retail of all distilled liquors is forbidden throughout Sweden from April 24 to May 12. While it is not admitted officially there is reason to believe that the order has been issued by the great May Day labor demonstration arranged by the unions.

The official explanation of the ban on liquor is that the excise authorities desire to make an inventory of the available spirits in the kingdom. It is stated that the government wishes to estimate the amount likely to be produced next year with a view to future restrictions on liquor sales.

3 DIE IN POWDER MILL BLAST.

Birmingham, Ala., April 24.—Three men were instantly killed today by an explosion of undetermined cause at the Jefferson Powder Mill of the Aetna Explosives Company.

A FEEBLE AGED WOMAN

Tells How Vinol Restored Her Strength.

In her eighty-second year Mrs. John Wickersham, of Russellville, Pa., says: "I was in a run-down, feeble condition and had lost flesh. A neighbor asked me to try Vinol, and after taking two bottles my strength returned; I am gaining in flesh, it has built up my health and I am feeling fine for a woman of my age, so I get around and do my housework."

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Cable Dispatches from Foreign Countries Bearing on the War

A most important (if true) piece of war news came out of London last night in a dispatch that Sweden, Denmark and Norway were on the brink of sending missions to the United States, following the British and French examples.

Ostensibly, the object of the missions would be to arrange the importation of foodstuffs, petroleum and other supplies needed in Scandinavia. But inasmuch as there have been suggestions of dangerous economic disturbance in Sweden, a general industrial unrest, which, it has been hinted, may result in the establishment of a republic there, the hint of a mission to the United States carries more than trade significance.

The United States, as the leading neutral in the first two years of the war, was the proposer of policy for all the European neutrals contiguous to Germany. Sweden is commonly regarded as the pro-German of all the neutrals; yet pro-Germanism even there is strongest in court circles, and there is a marked revulsion of popular feeling in favor of the entente since the submarine campaign opened from Christiania that Germany has already consented to relax its ruthlessness campaign in favor of Spain will have a direct reaction in Scandinavia, if it is found to be true.

Some reports show that the coming "abdication of the Kaiser," the British are now fighting on the soil of the Holy Land, and giving new meaning to the old aspiration of Christianity to take this territory of Ottoman control; additional reports from reports show that the German party there is prepared to precipitate civil war, if necessary, to maintain its hold.

TEUTON AGENTS SPREAD LIES FOR MEXICANS

German propagandists in Mexico have had posters and placards distributed throughout several towns and cities in Mexico containing in conspicuous display the story that at the recent meeting of Congress the German Minister to Mexico was enthusiastically applauded, while the American Ambassador was hissed. The German agents telegraphed a story of the affair to newspapers throughout the republic besides ordering the printing of posters to convey the news to the Mexican people. The Mexican government, according to a cablegram received here today, has ordered the suppression of these posters and placards. A few newspaper articles had appeared in Vera Cruz and other cities when the government authorities became aware of the propaganda and stopped it.

BRITISH TROOPS NOW ON SOIL OF HOLY LAND

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. With British Forces in Palestine, April 23.—It is over two months since the British troops entered El-Arish, which geographically and historically is the gate of Palestine, and the continuation of the advance has now put them firmly on the soil of the Holy Land.

Progress from the sands of the desert to the green lands was rapid and was marked by three separate stages. The first ended at El-Burg, bringing the troops to the region of grass.

The second stage was from El-Burg to Sheikh-Zowid, marking the transition from the green meadows to a land of barley fields.

Sheikh-Zowid is a mud village, but boasts a fruitful orchard with a cactus hedge, such as surrounds every village of the Holy Land.

The third stage of the transition was from Sheikh-Zowid to Rafa, and marked the entry into the region of the desert.

Representative Anderson, in his attack on the opponents of conscription wrought the House into a frenzy of enthusiasm. It furnished the first opportunity developed in the course of the debate for the administration supporters to let loose their applause. Mr. Anderson said:

"If the plan proposed by the committee could be understood in all its cowardly surrender to expediency, in all its weak yielding to prejudice and naked subversion of principle, it could not stand a moment. But this compromise is veneered by pretending to appeal to the patriotic sense of men to volunteer while threatening them with the draft."

Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin, said:

"My constituents and your constituents desire that we adopt such policies as will win this war. As will win it in the shortest possible time with the least sacrifice of life. Upon that we will all agree and believing that the selective draft will do more to procure this result than the volunteer system I shall unhesitatingly give it my support."

The country goes to war for the purpose of maintaining its honor, its rights, its very existence as a free people. Successfully to conduct a war every industry a man is engaged in must be drawn upon to produce for the great enterprise.

Senator La Follette yesterday introduced in the Senate an amendment to the conscription bill creating a special tribunal in every Congressional district of the Union to which conscripts might appeal.

No effort to curb debate in the Senate was made by Chairman Chamberlain, of the Military Affairs Committee. He is hopeful that a vote may be obtained by the end of the week.

In the Senate yesterday Senator McKellar, of Tennessee, made an impassioned plea for the retention of the volunteer system. Senator Frellinghuysen, of New Jersey, spoke in defense of conscription, and so also did Senator Brady, of Idaho.

OVERCOAT-NOW ON ARM WORTH THREE AT HOME

Somewhat or other the spring weather will not stay. But this peaky little overcoat will not last long. Old Fol is rather strong these days. But just the same, it is quite a nuisance to be putting on and off overcoats every other day or so. It is due to warm up a little today. But don't be so rash as to put away those blankets. There may be just a few more chilly days and chilly nights. The weather man says it will warm up in time to get the new Benny out on the 15th of next month. So there's plenty of time. It might be wise to bring your overcoat down to the office, as you can never tell what might happen before 4:30. An overcoat on your arm these days is worth three at home.

RED CROSS TALK TO Y. W. C. A.

Mabel T. Boardman will speak at the Young Women's Christian Association Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock in regard to the work in which the organization can help the Red Cross. Miss Boardman plans to enlist the services of all the 3,000 members who are not already engaged in the work.

PRICES OF GASOLINE ARBITRARILY RAISED

Federal Trade Commission Report Attacks Standard Oil.

Domination of the gasoline industry by Standard Oil interests, the Federal Trade Commission reported to the Senate yesterday, has been largely responsible for high gasoline prices of the last two years.

The report, written after an exhaustive investigation into the entire petroleum industry, including the Standard Oil Company, and the commission recommends legislation to permit opening of the market to other producers.

No conclusive evidence was found, it is stated, that collusion exists among the Standard companies in violation of the decree, but the commission's findings have been transmitted to the Attorney General. Prices are declared to have been raised arbitrarily, although natural causes contributed. Pronounced price inequalities were found in different parts of the country. The principal findings of the commission are:

That in most marketing territories the Standard companies are dominant.

That the Standard companies have maintained a distribution of territory in marketing gasoline, and that no substantial competition in the chief petroleum products exists among the Standard companies.

That the absence of competition is due to a conspiracy of stock ownership.

That the facts disclose advances in prices of gasoline and differences in price, corresponding to Standard marketing territories, which could not be explained except under the conditions charged.

That the combination of pipe lines with other branches of the industry has tended to establish and perpetuate monopoly.

That there is no conclusive evidence of collusion among the Standard companies in violation of the dissolution decree.

APPEAL TO CLERGYMEN TO SERVE GOVERNMENT

Baltimore Methodist Issues Call and Vigorously Denounces Slackers.

A call to every clergyman to offer his services to the government, to serve in any way that may help bring victory, is issued in the current number of the Baltimore Methodist. The editorial takes a ringing at slackers. It follows, in part:

"War is no pink-tea affair. It is not some pleasant afternoon garden event. It is red-blooded, and calls for all the heroism in American arteries. Two months, six months, one year, ten years may not see the end of trench and naval warfare. We cannot believe that July will find the war at an end.

"There is no time for evasion. The slackers will be the enemy's position. Jeers and taunts await his indecision.

"The opportunities for rendering service will be manifold. Mr. Roosevelt may not be admired by many, but his dashing spirit and eagerness to be on the firing line must quicken in the breast of true Americans the patriotic spirit.

"We believe it the duty of every clergyman in the nation to offer his services to his government. The clergy must not be a shield behind which he may hide. He may not be called upon to shoulder a musket, but in many departments of activity he can play a good part."

CATS' DEATH WARRANT WILL BE READ TODAY

The alley cat is doomed. Promptly after the reading of necessary minutes and roll calls, this morning at the first business session of the National Congress of Mothers' and Parent-Teacher Associations in the Raleigh, Mrs. G. S. Rafter will introduce a resolution which amounts to little less than the stry cat's death warrant.

Cats are not harmless—the mothers are convinced and determined that no sentimentality about "poor pussies" will deter them from their purpose.

Stray, or alley cats, carry disease, they are the cause of many epidemics and have been known to give children the mange, it is declared. A few other indictments against them are that they lick the baby's milk bottle and kill more birds than they do mice.

One kind reader sent a letter appealing that the "cruel slogan," "kill the cat," should not be used. She contends that should such a slogan gain wide circulation, it would bring about disastrous results.

YOUNG BILLY SUNDAY GATHERING CONVERTS

A 12-year-old evangelist last night swayed an audience that filled the Centennial Baptist Church, and at the conclusion of his impassioned, boyish plea for sinners to repent, an 89-year-old parishioner was one of the first to march down the aisle and shake his hand.

William Holder, son of a Baptist minister of Baltimore, is the youthful Billy Sunday. He spoke last night on "The Cross," taking his text from the gospel of St. John, and he thrilled an audience composed largely of adults, although the service was scheduled principally for children.

Rev. E. Hex Swem, pastor of the church, introduced him. Master Holder will speak tonight, Thursday and Friday at the same church.

LABOR DEPARTMENT BOY GETS "WAR NEED" OFFICE

George W. Ellis, of Chicago, an 18-year-old clerk in the Department of Labor, was yesterday appointed assistant national director of the Boys' Working Reserve of the United States.

William Edward Hall, of New York, is national director of the reserve, which will operate under the direction of the Department of Labor to interest youth between 15 and 19 years of age in augmenting the food supply in war times.

The reserve will work in co-operation with the Department of Agriculture, to turn the vacation period for boys into usefulness in raising crops and assisting in other ways to increase the nation's supply of foodstuffs.

BAND CONCERT PROGRAM

By the United States Soldiers' Home Band, at bandstand this afternoon beginning at 4 o'clock. John S. M. Zimmerman, director.

"My Country 'tis of Thee".....Ascher
Overture—"Bayonet".....Thomas
Two popular songs.....
(a) "One Fleeting Hour".....Dorothy Lee
(b) "The Longest Day".....Carroll
Selection—"So Long Let's".....Carroll
Fox Trot—"Mamma's Little Coal Black".....
Valse Habanera—"The Little Girl".....
Dance—"Dance of the Goblins".....Lorraine
Finale—"Hitting the Trail".....Schwartz
"The Star Spangled Banner".....

Use the Vaterland For Navy Recruits

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, April 24.—The Vaterland, greatest of steamships, is to be moved from her Hoboken pier soon and sent to the New York Navy Yard, there to act as recruiting ship for navy recruits.

That decision has been reached at a conference of navy heads, who found that two ends could be served. A large vessel is required to provide living quarters for the thousands being added to the navy and at the navy yard in Brooklyn the Vaterland can undergo the repairs made necessary after her German crew had wrecked the machinery.

The Vaterland was seized by the United States government when war was declared.

GATETENDER IS FOUND GUILTY IN ACCIDENT

Negligence Charged by Jury in Hyattsville's Fatal Auto Crash.

Hyattsville, Md., April 25.—Gross negligence on the part of the gatetender at the grade crossing caused the death of Miss Anne B. Handy and William A. Morton, early Sunday morning, according to a coroner's jury which rendered its verdict shortly before midnight last night.

The victims were in the automobile that was struck by the Washington express from Baltimore.

The jury recommended that an electric signal warning of the approach of trains be installed and that gatetenders, competent and not obliged to work more than eight hours be placed at the crossing.

It further recommended that the grade crossing be abolished and that the movement for the abolition of all grade crossings in the State be supported.

Isaac Snowden, held for manslaughter, was grade crossing tender at the time of the accident.

VENEZUELA RECOGNITION BY U. S. NOW PROBABLE

Provisional Greek Government Under Administration Considerations.

The question of recognition for the Venizelos provisional government in Greece is now before the State Department and the expectation is that it will be recognized after a full investigation by Secretary Lansing and President Wilson of the alleged unconstitutional conduct of King Constantine and the causes which prompted Venizelos to set up a republican form of administration.

The recognition of the Venizelos government would not necessarily mean the severance of relations with the Athens government. The entente allies, who have recognized Venizelos, maintain diplomatic missions at Athens as well as at Salonika, the seat of the Venizelos government. Venizelos controls a strip of territory across Northern Greece, and virtually all the Greek islands, while King Constantine rules most of continental Greece.

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Among the speakers were Privates V. E. Fisher and Roland E. Simpson. The latter addressed the meeting on the subject of "Constructive Religion," and showed that a good spirit is extant among fighting men.

Representatives of the Service Correspondence Club, of this city, were present, working in the interest of having correspondents among the mothers of Washington for the boys at the front, especially those having no families.

AMERICAN MENTIONED IN CAPITOL SPY SCARE

Attribute Prying Into Naval Affairs Committee Room to Employee.

There may be German spies at the Capitol, but they did not "limp" the door of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee. It is said, unofficially, that the authorities know who did the job, and that it was an American, well known at the Capitol and more or less familiar with the office he opened in an unconventional way late at night.

As the story of the "limp" door traveled, it magnified in details until it crystallized in the fact that some friend of Germany had pried into the Naval Affairs Committee to procure United States naval secrets.

No official report of the investigation of the forced door has been forthcoming, but, unofficially, it is learned that the work was that of an old employee of the Capitol.

The employee in question is well known and respected, and there is no indication that the Secret Service men will take him in hand.

SHAKESPEARE BROUGHT UP TO MODERN TIMES

Shakespeare was brought up to the minute, and the American Federation of Shakespeare Societies broke into prolonged applause when the veteran scholar, Dr. Appleton Morgan, of New York, speaking before the federation at the Colonial School, last night, compared Shakespeare's treatment of tyrant kings and emperors to the dethronement of the Russian Czar.

"Here we are today," said Dr. Morgan, "the greatest of republics, embattled, not because a Serbian mob assassinated the heir to an emperor, but—God grant it—to proclaim liberty throughout the world, for which Russia has blown the trumpet that shall never sound retreat. More than a great republic, France, a republic; Russia, a republic; England, a republic in everything but name; think of these, Mr. President, and then turn to Shakespeare's purple pages of three centuries and a half ago and read it again."

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